

*Some  
Social and Economic  
Values of Prohibition  
in Ontario*

Only one arrest was made for  
drunkenness at the Canadian  
National Exhibition, Toronto,  
in an attendance of 1,372,500  
people.     -     -     -     -

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The Annual Reports of the Chief Constables have been consulted to secure the information submitted. Up to date of publication full information could not be obtained in regard to some of the cities.

*Arrests for Drunkenness Showing Decreases*

	1914	1921	Decrease	Decrease
Toronto.....	14,247	4,727	9,520	66.82%
Ottawa.....	991	411	580	58.5
Kingston.....	482	168	314	65.14
Woodstock.....	149	67	82	55.03
Port Arthur.....	1,376	541	835	60.68
Kitchener.....	132	102	30	22.72
Peterborough.....	370	56	314	84.86
Hamilton.....	1,425	383	1,042	73.1
Brantford.....	543	157	386	71.0
Belleville.....	185	99	86	46.4
Fort William.....	761	359	402	52.82

*Arrests for Disorderliness Showing Decreases*

Toronto.....	2,734	1,084	1,650	60.35%
Ottawa.....	114	75	39	34.21
Kingston.....	29	6	23	79.31
Woodstock.....	26	15	11	42.30
Port Arthur.....	57	15	42	73.68
Peterborough.....	17	4	13	76.47
Hamilton.....	307	171	136	44.3
Brantford.....	62	14	48	77.42
Stratford.....	47	7	40	85.1
Niagara Falls.....	35	13	22	62.85

*Arrests for Vagrancy Showing Decreases*

Toronto.....	2,015	1,053	962	47.74%
Ottawa.....	243	118	125	51.44
Kingston.....	51	19	32	62.74
Woodstock.....	80	63	17	21.25
Port Arthur.....	158	57	101	63.92
Peterborough.....	52	40	12	23.08
Hamilton.....	269	223	46	17.1
Brantford.....	74	61	13	17.6
Fort William.....	295	65	230	77.96
Niagara Falls.....	30	12	18	60.0
Stratford.....	45	30	15	33.33

*Arrests for Drunkenness Showing Increases*

	1914	1921	Increase	Increase %
Stratford.....	74	96	22	29.72
Niagara Falls.....	130	238	108	83.07
Windsor.....	338	649	311	92.0

*Arrests for Disorderliness Showing Increases*

NONE

*Arrests for Vagrancy Showing Increases*

NONE

Commitments to gaol for drunkenness in the Province of Ontario

Six Wet Years Before

Prohibition

Compared with Six

Dry Years Afterwards

1911.....	5,827	1917.....	3,907
1912.....	6,613	1918.....	2,595
1913.....	8,363	1919.....	3,415
1914.....	8,848	1920.....	4,414
1915.....	6,235	1921.....	4,729
1916.....	5,968	1922.....	3,423

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41,854

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22,483

Decrease.....19,371      Decrease per cent.....46.28

Arrests for drunkenness must be read in the light of the increase in population. During the period 1914 to 1921 Toronto increased 52,532, according to the City Assessors, Ottawa increased 11,104, and Hamilton 16,899.



**Hospital Reports give the information submitted in  
relation to admissions due to alcoholism.**

<i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Alcoholic Admissions</i>	
	1914	1921
Hamilton General, Hamilton.....	75	33
Victoria Hospital, London, Ont.....	59	10
Woodstock General, Woodstock.....	22	2
Queen Victoria, North Bay, Ont.....	2	0
St. Joseph Hospital, Sudbury.....	64	25
General Protestant Hospital, Ottawa, Ont.....	44	15

The General Secretary of the Neighborhood Workers' Association, Toronto, a Family Welfare Organization, gives the following figures in his Annual Reports:—In 1919, nine cases of need were due to intemperance, amounting to 1.17% of all cases. In 1920, the percentage was 1.27%, whereas in 1921 and 1922, the percentage was .08 of all cases of need. Previous to Prohibition, in 15 to 18 per cent. of families, the cause of poverty could be traced to intemperance. In the report this statement is made, "before Prohibition came into effect, not only was intemperance a problem in itself but a factor in most of the other problems. To-day intemperance is practically a negligible quantity, as a cause of poverty."